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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, applicants wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office the references set forth on the attached form PTO-1449 (copies of the cited references, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, are enclosed). Although the aforesaid references are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with applicants' duty to disclose all information they are aware of which is believed relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, applicants believe that their invention is patentable.

Applicants also wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 09/970,199, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on October 2, 2001. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicants also wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/253,047, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on September 23, 2002. This related application, which is a divisional of above-referenced Application No. 09/970,199, filed October 2, 2001, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. The specification, claims, abstract and drawings of this related application as filed are identical to those currently on file in the above-referenced application as filed, therefore a duplicate copy is not submitted herewith.

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